

House File 658 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 191)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act increasing certain penalties for speeding in a motor
2 vehicle, providing for the use of the additional moneys, and
3 including applicability provisions.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 135.25, Code 2019, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **135.25 Emergency medical services fund.**

4 An emergency medical services fund is created in the state
5 treasury under the control of the department. The fund
6 includes, but is not limited to, amounts appropriated by the
7 general assembly, and other moneys available from federal or
8 private sources which are to be used for purposes of this
9 section. Funds remaining in the fund at the end of each
10 fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund of the state
11 but shall remain in the emergency medical services fund,
12 notwithstanding [section 8.33](#). The fund is established to
13 assist counties by matching, on a dollar-for-dollar basis,
14 moneys spent by a county for the acquisition of equipment for
15 the provision of emergency medical services and by providing
16 grants to counties for education and training in the delivery
17 of emergency medical services, as provided in [this section](#)
18 and [section 422D.6](#). A county seeking matching funds under
19 this section shall apply to the emergency medical services
20 division of the department. Moneys deposited in the fund
21 pursuant to section 805.8A, subsection 5, paragraph "a",
22 subparagraph (5), and section 805.8A, subsection 14, paragraph
23 "i", subparagraph (4), shall be allocated as required under
24 this section, but shall be used to assist counties in providing
25 emergency medical services in rural, underserved areas of
26 the state. The department shall adopt rules concerning the
27 application and awarding process for the matching funds and
28 the criteria for the allocation of moneys in the fund if the
29 moneys are insufficient to meet the emergency medical services
30 needs of the counties. Moneys allocated by the department to a
31 county for emergency medical services purposes may be used for
32 equipment or training and education as determined by the board
33 of supervisors pursuant to [section 422D.6](#).

34 Sec. 2. Section 805.8A, subsection 5, paragraph a,
35 subparagraph (5), Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:

1 (5) One hundred dollars plus ~~five~~ ten dollars for each mile
2 per hour of excessive speed over twenty miles per hour over the
3 limit. Notwithstanding section 805.12, fifty percent of each
4 fine collected pursuant to this subparagraph, excluding the
5 first one hundred dollars of each fine, shall be submitted to
6 the state court administrator and transferred to the department
7 of public health for deposit in the emergency medical services
8 fund created in section 135.25.

9 Sec. 3. Section 805.8A, subsection 14, paragraph i,
10 subparagraph (4), Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:

11 (4) One thousand five hundred dollars for speed greater
12 than twenty-five miles per hour over the posted speed limit.
13 Notwithstanding section 805.12, five hundred dollars of
14 each fine collected pursuant to this subparagraph shall be
15 submitted to the state court administrator and transferred to
16 the department of public health for deposit in the emergency
17 medical services fund created in section 135.25.

18 Sec. 4. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to penalties paid
19 for violations occurring on or after the effective date of this
20 Act.

21 EXPLANATION

22 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
23 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

24 This bill increases the scheduled fine for speeding pursuant
25 to Code sections 321.236(5) (power of local authorities to
26 regulate speed in public parks) and (11) (power of local
27 authorities to regulate speed in public alleys), 321.285
28 (general speed restrictions), and 461A.36 (speed limits in
29 state parks and preserves), from \$100 plus \$5 for each mile per
30 hour of excessive speed over 20 miles per hour over the limit
31 to \$100 plus \$10 for each mile per hour of excessive speed over
32 20 miles per hour over the limit. The bill also increases the
33 scheduled fine for speeding in a road work zone more than 25
34 miles per hour over the limit from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

35 The bill requires the additional moneys collected to be

1 submitted to the state court administrator and transferred to
2 the department of public health for deposit in the emergency
3 medical services fund. The additional moneys must be allocated
4 as set forth under current law, but are required to be used
5 to assist counties in providing emergency medical services in
6 rural, underserved areas of the state. Under current law,
7 moneys in the emergency medical services fund are used to
8 assist counties by matching, on a dollar-for-dollar basis,
9 moneys spent by a county for the acquisition of equipment for
10 the provision of emergency medical services and by providing
11 grants to counties for education and training in the delivery
12 of emergency medical services.

13 The bill applies to penalties paid for violations occurring
14 on or after the effective date of the bill.